Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners has declared the week of February 14-21, 2010, to be known as Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week; and,

Whereas, The importance of dementia education is the cornerstone and foundation essential for staff to feel confident and knowledgeable in providing competent and compassionate care to long-term care residents suffering from Alzheimer's or dementia; and,

Whereas, The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners encourages all nurse educators and in-service directors to provide comprehensive, hands-on, dementia training to all staff, as well as providing dementia education throughout the year; and,

Whereas, Residents cared for by well-trained staff have a reduced risk for injury during care, are provided with innovative activities, are provided with sensitive psychosocial support, and receive appropriate comfort measures during end of life:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 14-21, 2010, as

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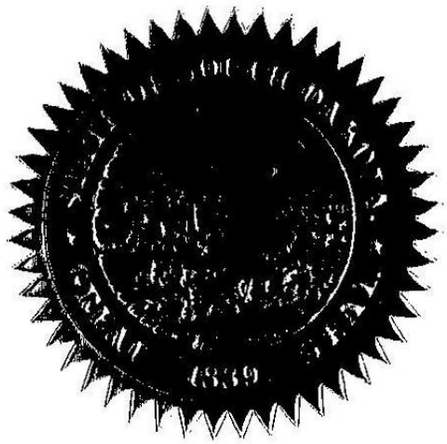
in South Dakota, and urge all citizens to recognize the achievements and contributions of trained health care professionals.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State